

# Case History



**University of Maryland  
University College**



**Center of Academic Operations  
at Largo**





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Above: Student services area with Powerworks Panel Systems.



Above: Storage and file areas with Series XXI.

University of Maryland University College (UMUC) new Center of Academic Operations in Largo, Maryland allows students and employees to perform in a state-of-the-art and innovative educational environment. The motivation behind the dedicated faculty is to positively impact adult education through an accelerated virtual university and to persevere with a reputation of excellence. The new building provides a high level of learning that offers the educational and professional development edge over other collegiate competition.

The 236,000 square-foot building achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. This goal was accomplished with the involvement of Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE), providing innovation, space planning, sustainability of resources, and indoor environmental air quality by incorporating GREENGUARD Certified products.

UMUC came to MCE for the diverse product selection, quality goods and design services. With the collaboration of modular furniture, wood casegoods, filing systems, seating, and partnership with David Edward furniture, the creation of a modern learning venue was developed.

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David Edward seating was a recurrence in lounge areas for style, harmony, and luxury. These areas are designed for individual use, where student lounges are used for small group gatherings that facilitate comfort and interaction. Medina chairs and Westover tables were used throughout the building for a multitude of effortless uses.

Powerworks Panel Systems were used on each floor to develop flexible workstations, allowing more room for minimal space areas. These panels make data lines and cables easy to install and move for maximum adaptability. FlexStation Desking Systems were used to increase the shared office capabilities ideal for privacy or teaming. Series XXI filing systems were the solution for providing ample storage and flexible filing options.

A contemporary wood line was used in offices for a more personal setting. The Canton Collection consists of modern furnishings used in offices for its durability, while featuring a real wood feel with a uniform appearance.

The MCE Design and Installation team provided space planning, design and setup. The originality and professional appearance combined with comfort and versatility, accomplish the main goal of higher education with flexibility for future growth.

*From student study lounges to small professional offices, MCE provided quality products to fulfill the goals of the true educational experience.*



*Above: Student lounge area with Medina chairs and Westover table.*



*Above: Private office with Canton Collection L-Shaped desk and Bel Air task chair.*



*Above: Training center with Bel Air chairs, Study carrels and Westover tables.*



*Above: Cafeteria area with Westover tables and Alta chairs.*





**Powerworks • FlexStation**  
**Canton Collection • Westover Tables**  
**Series XXI • David Edward**  
**Medina Chair • Bel Air Chair**  
**Alta Chair**



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